

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
ABERDEEN DIVISION**

CIVIL ACTION No. 1:83-CV-00293-MPM

HORACE WILLIE MONTGOMERY, et al.
v.

PLAINTIFFS

**STARKVILLE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT, et al.**

DEFENDANTS

Consolidated with

WILLIAM H. HARRIS, III, et al.
and

PLAINTIFFS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.

PLAINTIFF-INTERVENOR

**OKTIBBEHA COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT, et al.**

DEFENDANTS

**JOINT MOTION TO APPROVE DESEGREGATION
ORDER FOR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The United States and the Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District (“the District”), formerly known as the Starkville Municipal School District and the Oktibbeha County School District, by and through undersigned counsel, jointly move this Court to approve a new desegregation order for the District for the 2015-2016 school year, effective upon order of this Court. The United States and the District (“the Parties”) have worked together on this desegregation order and ask for expedited consideration of their motion.

Additionally, the Parties have reached agreements in the following areas, pursuant to their telephonic conference with the Court on July 1, 2015:

1. The Parties have agreed to reporting requirements for the 2015-2016 school year. As part of the desegregation order, the District shall submit a mid-year report to the United States and

the Court on January 15, 2016. Subsequently, all reports to the Court and the United States shall be submitted on or before June 30 of each year.

2. The Parties agree to work together to submit a proposed desegregation order to the Court on February 15, 2016, which shall govern the Consolidated District starting with the 2016-2017 school year and will be effective upon order of this Court and thereafter, until the District is declared unitary. The United States and the District intend to confer in good faith with the goal of reaching a mutually agreeable plan that meets the Defendants' desegregation obligations and can be fully implemented as soon as practicable.

Respectfully submitted, July 7, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that on this date, I filed electronically the foregoing with the Clerk of this Court using the ECF system which will send notification of filing to all registered counsel of record.

I also certify that I have on this date sent a copy of the foregoing via electronic mail and U.S. Mail to the following:

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